

**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of HIRATA

Application No. To be assigned

Examiner:

Filed: Herewith

Group Art Unit:

For: FILTERING MEMBER AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAME

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.